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Police identify remains found at fire site

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The OPP have identified a man whose remains were found after a house fire along County Road 21 earlier this month as 76-year-old Minden Hills resident Bruce Harris.

The fire happened near Jay Lake on the evening of Saturday, June 11. Members of the Minden Hills fire department discovered human remains at the site as they battled the blaze. The house was destroyed.

A subsequent investigation by the Ontario fire marshal's office and the OPP's crime and forensics units concluded the death was not suspicious.

"The investigation has concluded and the cause of death has been determined to be not suspicious," a June 16 release from the OPP reads.

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Ringing in summer

Town crier John Webster gets people's attention at the annual Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase held at Wintergreen Pancake Barn this past Saturday, June 18. The fundraiser was raising money for Help a Village Effort (HAVE) and Food for Kids. The day long event included live music, a silent auction, vendors, food and drink samples and much more. See more on page 17. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Stranded tourists urinating on properties

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township is looking to the province to do something about traffic congestion at the Algonquin Park entrance along Highway 60 near Oxtongue Lake, congestion that is so extreme that stranded motorists sometimes end up urinating on private properties in the area.

Township councillors received a report on the issue during a June 16 meeting. Council had asked public works director Mike

Thomas to look into the congestion after problems last fall.

Traffic jams stretching several kilometres from the park's west gate along Highway 60 have caused collisions, restrict access for emergency vehicles and often result in motorists relieving themselves on properties along the corridor.

"It happens all over the place," Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle told the paper. "It's really horrible. The cars are backed up to Dwight. You get up here and it's a dead zone."

Thomas told council that officials at the provincially controlled park are working on solutions to the problem, including placing at least 10 additional staff members in the parking area selling passes and directing traffic; disallowing buses from entering the park during high-traffic periods; installing signage along Highway 11 to inform visitors of alternate entrances to the park; and researching alternate methods for ticket sales.

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MTO just keeping highways safe, representative says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's an oft-heard complaint in the county that the Ministry of Transportation is overzealous when it comes to regulating entrances, signage, drainage, etc. along the Highway 35 and 118 corridors, but a rep from the MTO says the ministry is simply trying to keep the highways as safe as possible.

"The chamber has had a few members come forward to let us know that they've had struggles with the MTO (regarding entrance permits, signage, etc.)," Autumn Smith, member services representative for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, wrote in an email to the paper. "Based on what we know so far, our plan is to gather all of the information from our members regarding the challenges they are facing or have faced in the past with the MTO and how it impacted their business either in terms of general operations or development. Right now, I'm encouraging our members to reach out to me and tell me their stories/challenges. Our goal is to gather this information into some sort of report and look for support from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to connect us with the right people at the MTO. We're also looking into the possibility of partnering with other rural areas on this initiative."

Construction on a strip mall at the intersection of Highway 35 and County Road 21 initially scheduled to be completed last year was delayed as owners met the requirements of the ministry. The MTO in turn required that the owners get approvals from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, which they are still waiting on and on which the province should issue a decision by the end of this month, an MOECC representatives recently told the paper.

When Minden's Canadian Tire store was constructed a few years ago, there were issues getting an entranceway onto Highway 35, with the council and MPP of the day taking part in advocacy.

Terri Mathews-Carl, owner of Rhubarb restaurant along Highway 118 in Carnarvon, recently told the paper that while she understands the ministry has a job to do, it seems to be a

bit overbearing when it comes to the granting of signage and entrances, treating the county more like an urban area than a small community.

A spokesperson for the MTO told the paper that while the ministry is supportive of local business development, it must maintain safety on the province's highway network and keep traffic moving.

"The Ministry of Transportation is supportive of economic development while ensuring safe and efficient operations on provincial highways," Gordan Rennie, a regional issues and media advisor with the MTO, wrote in an email. "It is the responsibility of development proponents to carry out all necessary studies, such as traffic, drainage, etc. to determine if their proposed development will negatively impact the highway network. These studies are reviewed and validated by the ministry. If the impacts can be mitigated, it is the responsibility of the proponent to fund and carry-out any highway improvements required for the new development. This also applies to the change of use of existing properties and entrances. In some cases, the highway cannot safely accommodate access to a proposed development and another method of access or location needs to be sought by the developer."

"Highway access management is a key method to promoting safety on all provincial highways. This is the process that manages entrances onto provincial highways, at highway interchanges and intersections, and onto municipal roads in the vicinity of a provincial highway. It is an important tool for balancing the need for highway safety and mobility while providing appropriate access for land development, as well as co-ordinating transportation planning with land use planning along provincial highways. Good access management minimizes the number of conflict points on the highway where a collision can occur and keeps traffic on provincial highways moving."

The County of Haliburton has also had issues getting new promotional signage for Highway 35 approved through the province's Tourism-Oriented Directional Signage program, although that program is under the auspices of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.



Signs of Pride in downtown Minden

Rainbow flags adorn a Bobcaygeon Road business. June has been declared Pride month in Toronto, in lead-up to the annual Pride parade on July 3. Earlier this month, 49 people were killed in a mass shooting at a gay club in Orlando, Florida. CHAD INGRAM Staff

AH sets date for public meeting on containers

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands residents with opinions on shipping containers as storage buildings will want to mark Aug. 13 on their calendars.

The township will hold a public meeting on the issue at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Council is working on a zoning bylaw amendment to regulate the use of shipping containers – such as the body of a transport truck or sea shipping bins - being used as storage buildings on properties in the township.

The issue was first discussed by council at a May 5 meeting.

A draft bylaw prepared by planner Sean O'Callaghan suggested a maximum two shipping containers, for purposes of storage, per property in the following zones: rural (RU); highway commercial (C1); general commercial (C2); general industrial (M1); extractive industrial-pits (M2); extractive industrial – pits and quarries (M2A); and waste disposal industrial (M3). Among other requirements, the draft bylaw stated that shipping containers must comply with the setbacks for each zone and be completely screened from view of adjacent properties and roadways.

However, councillors Brian Lynch, Lisa Barry and Marlene

“
Don’t forget, it’s not just shipping containers, it’s also truck bodies.

— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS REEVE CAROL MOFFATT

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Kyle requested that recreational commercial (C3) zoning and rural residential (RR) be added to the list. The latter came over protestation from Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was adamant the structures should not be permitted in any area with any kind of residential zoning.

Moffatt re-iterated that stance during a June 16 council meeting.

“I don’t think they should be in any residential zone,” Moffatt said, adding the many residents she’d spoken to about the issue seemed to agree. “Most people are saying, I

do not want those things anywhere near residential.”

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who was absent from the May discussion also agreed, worrying that “sea cans” in residential areas would quickly lead to conversations about shipping containers as residential dwellings and tiny homes.

“Don’t forget it’s not just shipping containers, it’s also truck bodies,” Moffatt said.

After some discussion, Kyle and Barry said they agreed with pulling rural residential (RR) zoning out of the draft bylaw amendment.

Under the bylaw, any containers measuring more than 10 square metres would qualify as structures, and therefore require building permits.

Barry asked if there would be certain requirements dictating what sort of bases the containers needed to be located on.

“I’ve been talking to some taxpayers who are concerned about leaching into the ground,” she said.

“That would be part of the permit process,” said building and bylaw officer Dave Rogers. “We’d want to know what it’s sitting on.”

Any amendment to a municipal zoning bylaw requires a public meeting and a public meeting on the containers is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Dorset Rec Centre at 10 a.m.

Township wants province to deal with problem

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“After speaking with some of the resort owners located on the Oxtongue Lake Road, it appears that the major concerns are with cars and buses parking in front of their businesses, people walking through private property and asking to use their washroom facilities,” a report from Thomas reads.

Thomas recommended the township erect “local traffic only” signs at the intersections of Oxtongue Lake Road and Blue Spruce Road during peak foliage season, which council supported.

He’d also investigated the option of renting portable privies to reduce incidents of urination on private property.

Renting four privies between mid-September and mid-October would cost about \$800, including a weekly cleaning and servicing fee.

“The only thing I can see us doing is ‘local traffic only’ signage,” said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen at last week’s meeting, adding that anything beyond that is the province’s responsibility.

“I would like to see the privies,” Kyle said.

“The problem is getting to the park,” said Reeve Carol

Moffatt, emphasizing the park belongs to the provincial government. “I feel like all we’re doing lately is having issues with the province.”

Moffatt said the township shouldn’t have to pay for something that is a provincial problem.

The reeve noted the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference is coming up later this summer and that councillors could mention the problem to provincial officials at that event.

Council passed on the purchase of privies for now, pending the outcome of further conversations with the province.

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U-Links welcomes new co-ordinator

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Sonja Addison is the new co-ordinator of the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research, which is looking for research project proposals for the 2016/17 academic year.

The organization is a collaboration between Trent University and the Haliburton County Community Co-Operative that pairs university students with local businesses, organizations and governments. Students earn credits by carrying out research projects and the organizations get the benefit of said research.

"Just filling a gap where the organization feels there's a gap," Addison says. "It doesn't have to be a huge master project."

From lake health to local history to a recent trails project at Abbey Gardens, students have carried out more than 250 projects since the organization's inception in 1999.

Originally from Binbrook near Hamilton, Addison has a degree in psychology from York University.

"I worked in the field for a while," she says, explaining she did research in psychiatrics, that work eventually taking her to Vancouver, where she would work for the B.C. Medical Association.

Going back to school for industrial design for devices for the aging at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Addison eventually headed back to Ontario, doing technology research with Toronto Rehab working on devices

such as slings, a toilet system for those in wheelchairs and winter coats designed especially for the elderly.

Purchasing a cottage in the county 11 years ago, she's been a resident of the area for some time and most recently is enrolled in a clinical research program at McMaster University.

"We love being part of the Haliburton County community," Addison says, adding she's happy to work with a group of people who are very passionate about what they're doing.

Project proposals are reviewed based on a number of criteria and then promoted to students and faculty. Anyone seeking more information or with a proposal idea can contact Addison at 705-286-2411 or saddison@ulinks.ca.

Sonja Addison, right, is the new co-ordinator of the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, which pairs university students with local organizations, businesses and governments, carrying out a multitude of research projects.

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Septic system damaged in construction

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Two septic beds at the Algonquin Highlands township office along North Shore Road have been damaged during construction of an addition at the site and work associated with the mishap will cost the township about \$20,000.

“During the excavation of the foundation for the new office addition, unfortunately two septic bed runs were damaged due to the inability to locate their exact location,” read a report from chief administrative officer Angie Bird. “A local contractor inspected the septic bed and after some discussion and evaluation, it was determined that the best course of action was to cap the septic tank, creating a holding tank situation, until a new system could be installed.”

The township received three quotes on the job and, under the emergency procurement provisions of its purchasing policy, awarded the work to Francis Thomas Contracting for a total of just more than \$21,360.

“As council is aware, the project is unbudgeted, therefore there is a possibility that the cost of the new septic system may need to be added to the total amount to be borrowed from working funds and paid out of a long period of time,” Bird’s report reads. “The treasurer will evaluate this at year-end.”

“It’s because we had a crummy drawing,” said Reeve Carol Moffatt. “It happened. It’s fixed and we’re good to go for the next generation.”

A new septic system is expected to last 25 to 30 years.

The \$525,000 office expansion project, which will provide more staffing space at the municipal office, is scheduled to be completed in late summer.

Additional AH staff may be required

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a June 16 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

The township’s septic tank re-inspection program will likely require the hiring of a contract employee for 2017.

Townships inherited the responsibility of septic tank inspections from local health units in 2014. An engineering report identified 228 properties in Algonquin Highlands with sub-standard septic systems and letters were sent to affected property owners, asking them to contact the township within 30 days of receipt. One-hundred sixteen responses have been received, with about 40 per cent of those cases being resolved so far.

Another 112 property owners have not responded to the township and will be receiving follow-up letters.

Many of the subject properties can be accessed only by water.

“Given the large number of lakes, access challenges, and additional time required both out in the field and in the office during the busiest time of year for the building department, it is reasonable to assume that staff cannot complete this project successfully along with their regular workload and duties,” read a report from chief building official and bylaw officer Dave Rogers.

It is anticipated the position will cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 for the year, plus benefits.

Mould remediation sole-sourced

The township’s will sole-source remediation work for the removal of mould and asbestos from the basement of the Stanhope Firefighters’ Community Hall to Service Master of Muskoka.

The price tag for the job is \$56,000 plus HST, and with contingency funding for a “worst case scenario,” \$62,000 plus HST.

Councillor Brian Lynch said he thought the job should be put to tender.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird said the sole-sourcing was acceptable under the emergency procurement clause of the township’s purchasing policy since the situation was a health and safety issue.

“Going on six months it’s been a health and safety issue,” said Lynch.

The mould was discovered following an inspection in late 2015.

However, the rest of council was fine with the sole-sourcing of the work.

Councillor Lisa Barry said the company was reputable.

“I’m OK with the sole-source on it,” said Councillor Marlene Kyle. “I’ve heard that it’s a very good company as well.”

Ball diamond upgrade.

Lions International celebrates its centennial anniversary and Lions Clubs throughout the world have been asked to embark on a project to celebrate the occasion.

In Dorset, the local Lions are planning improvements at the baseball diamond, which will include landscaping with the addition of trees, perennials and shrubbery, as well as the addition of a walking path. The club is planning to phase in the project, valued at \$25,000, over three years.

While it’s not looking for a financial contribution from the township, members did come seeking permission as well as in-kind assistance.

“That property is unique in that it is jointly owned by both municipalities,” said Reeve Carol Moffatt, indicating Algonquin Highlands would require a joint services agreement with Lake of Bays township, in which half of Dorset sits.

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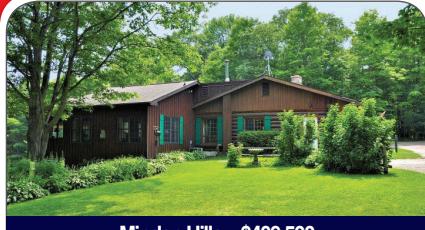
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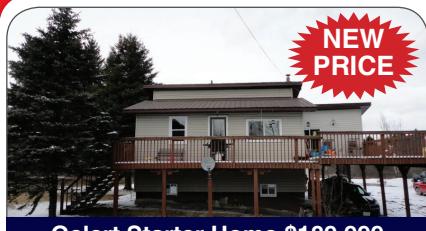
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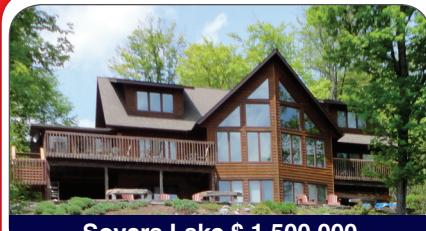


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Provincial potties

IMAGINE IT'S AN autumn morning, crisp and clear. Sun is gleaming off an amber canvas of leaves amid a robin-egg-blue background.

You go to the kitchen to pour yourself another cup of coffee and there, through the window, you see a stranger relieving himself on a tree at the edge of your property.

This, horribly, is a situation that Algonquin Highlands Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle says happens "all over the place" in the quaint community of Oxtongue Lake during the peak of fall foliage.

For anyone unaware, Oxtongue Lake is a hamlet at the northern tip of Algonquin Highlands township. It's tiny even by Haliburton County standards, a small collection of resorts, businesses and homes nestled in a picturesque chunk of Canadians.

It was a haunt of members of the Group of Seven.

Oxtongue Lake prides itself as the gateway to the uber-popular Algonquin Provincial Park. However, during fall colours season in September and October, that gateway gets crowded. Congested. Clogged.

Fall foliage is big business in the area, bringing in thousands upon thousands of sightseers and shutterbugs each year.

Bumper-to-bumper traffic jams can stretch kilometres down Highway 60, into neighbouring Dwight.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

The problem is the streams of tourists bring streams of another kind with them.

Many travelling from the GTA, perhaps stopping innocently enough for a Starbucks along the way, by the time tourists reach the park, nature is knocking on the door.

However, they're not quite in the park when they reach the traffic jam at Oxtongue Lake and the community doesn't offer the kinds of businesses where one can simply slip in and use the washroom unnoticed. Sure, they come to look at the leaves, but it seems many visitors end up using them too.

Quite understandably, this is all quite upsetting for residents of Oxtongue Lake.

Last week Algonquin Highlands council received a staff report detailing potential solutions park officials plan to undertake this season, including more staff to sell tickets and direct traffic, heightened promotion of alternate entry points to the park, etc.

The report also looked at the possibility of the township renting privies to be stationed on public property in Oxtongue Lake.

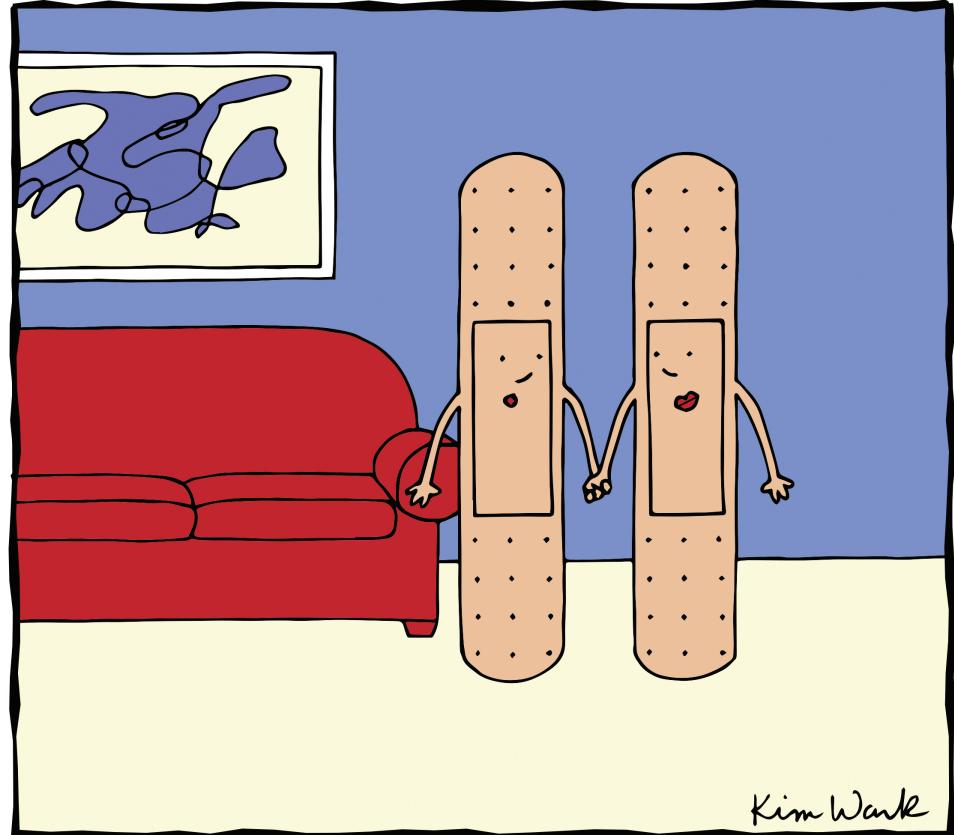
However, as some members of council pointed out, the problem really belongs to the province. It's a provincial park, after all. It seems unfair for the township to be left holding the bucket.

The province needs to put a lid on this situation. Otherwise, residents are not going to get any less pissy any time soon.

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

KWARKY



"BE GENTLE."

Smart attack

IRECENTLY STUMBLED ACROSS a fantastic Internet article that promised to show the reader how to appear smarter. Before you think it, let me just say I was not doing a search on the subject because I needed to. As most people already know, I have an incredibly high eye-cue.

In any case, I was very pleased to discover that the technology of appearing much smarter than you actually are has vastly improved since I was a kid.

Back in those days, the only two tools we had at our disposal were wearing glasses and repeating the word "indubitably."

Do these two things enough times and people thought you were Einstein.

In fact, I remember my teachers always addressed me with phrases like "OK Einstein, what did you do now?" or "Way to be Einstein!"

So, clearly, this worked.

These days, people are far more skeptical of what smart actually means, despite the blip that is the Trump campaign.

Luckily, the article I read points out several things you can do to fool people into thinking you are far more intelligent than you truly are – as if that's even possible.

Of course, the author covered the normal bases like wearing glasses – although in this case they did not mention the attached nose and moustache variant that I typically use. Another easy trick they suggested is to sign your name with the addition of a middle initial. Apparently, this adds to your perceived intelligence. This is such an easy fix I might add two middle initials when it is important.

The author also suggests you look people

in the eye. That's why I'd like you to note that this is exactly what my column headshot is doing right now – I'm staring you directly in the eye because I'd like you to think I'm smarter than most people report. If you are smart, you will do the same.

Another ebullient ruse discussed on the periphery is to speak, or should I say utter melodious tones, expressively. Also write simply.

And if you don't drink in public, but appear to believe in yourself, keep pace with the crowd, dress for success and draw graphs people will be tricked into thinking you are much more intelligent as well.

Now, I'm not really sure that Stephen R. Galea believes this. But I do know that after donning my glasses and remaining parched from lack of drinking, I have confidently looked myself in the eye via mirror and marveled at this expensive suit that I happen to be wearing.

All this is fine, but I think that they are missing several things. For instance, in my youth I discovered that the phrase, "You try it first," did a great deal to make anyone I was with appear smarter.

Obviously, you don't have to appear to be smarter than you are all the time. In fact, I use this skill sparingly so that I don't intimidate the other intellectuals that I fish and hunt with. Often, it's even easier to appear dumber than you are for long stretches of time and I've been told I'm good at that too. Then when you get back to normal people will see the huge improvement.

Now, if you'll excuse me I have decided to draw a graph to illustrate my thought patterns. I happen to think this is a good idea. Indubitably.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The art of splitting wood

IT WAS A LONG AGO SCENE, FROM A TIME BEFORE invention of smart phones that take video. That's unfortunate because what I saw then would have made a cool video on the art of splitting wood.

I was at a friend's newly-acquired bush property, helping him clean up after a wild wind storm. We had cut a downed birch tree into rounds and were exhausting ourselves splitting it for firewood.

A neighbour from up the road stopped by to introduce himself. He was a local, born and raised in the area, and you knew it from his Ottawa Valley twang. A country lad who knew more about living with the land than we would learn in a lifetime.

We stood there and talked, just getting to know each other. As the conversation moved along, he casually pulled my axe from a stump and swung it one handed, with little apparent force, into a birch round held firm under one foot. An imperceptible twist of the wrist and the round split into two.

He split another round the same way and continued with others as we talked. He would pause in what he was saying, glance down briefly, position a log beneath his foot and swing the axe, with little more effort than someone swinging a riding crop against their leg as they talked.

By the time conversation stopped and he had left, there was a sizeable pile of split birch at our feet. He hadn't said anything about splitting wood, but he had left us a lesson: Splitting wood is not an act of brute force. It is more of a mental exercise.

First of all, you don't cut or chop firewood. You split it, pushing the fibres apart until the piece becomes two pieces. It is not important to have a sharp axe. A sharp blade sticks in the wood, doing little to push the fibres apart.

Some avid wood splitters say that firewood rounds wish to be split and give you helpful hints that you should listen to. For instance, most firewood rounds have small cracks, or checks, that indicate lines for best splitting.

One expert says he always stands a round on its head to split it in the direction that it grew. Trees obviously are thicker on the bottom than at the top, so you stand a round "on its head" by putting the smaller end of the round facing down.

I don't know if I believe that, but I do believe some other advice from expert wood splitters. Stand straight with your feet apart. Swing with straight arms. Let the axe do the work. Aim a bit closer to the edge nearest you. That way if you miss you hit the ground. Going too far to the other side and you hit the handle.

Most avid splitters prefer a maul, which is heavier, has a fatter blade and is blunter than an axe. All the better for pushing the wood apart. Also, the thick rounded backside of the maul is ideal for hammering wedges into those tough, knotty pieces sent to frustrate and exhaust us.

Splitting firewood is an effective physical workout, reportedly burning up to 400 or 500 calories a hour. It is especially healthy for the mind. Riding the rhythm of a wood splitting session allows the mind to take a vacation.

And, few accomplishments provide more satisfaction than a well-stacked woodpile.

Bruce Hutchison, the West Coast newspaperman wrote in his 1988 book *A Life in the Country* that a well-stacked woodpile is as good as money in the bank. It is there waiting to help you when the weather gets frigid.

Interestingly, the word splitting is a psychological term. It is a common ego defence mechanism by which people reinforce their sense of good by demonizing others who do not share their opinions or values.

Politicians tend to suffer from splitting and it often is a sign of a personality disorder. If you have ever watched Donald Trump on television or the Internet, you get the idea.

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No hand-held devices

Haliburton County employee Larry Smith applies a "no hand-held devices" decal to a sign, located at Bobcaygeon Road and Deep Bay Road in Minden on Monday morning, June 20. This was part of the county's distracted driving initiative with support from OPP Staff Sgt. Brian Crisp, who also came up with the signage wording, to remind motorists to not use their mobiles while driving. With recent changes to the Highway Traffic Act, fines for distracted driving have gone up to \$490. There are at least 48 decals, which will be placed on county roads. DARREN LUM Staff

Five components of fitness

by LAURIE SWEIG
Special to the Times

How are you? Most of the time we answer with "I'm fine". That's the automatic, easy response. Sometimes, behind that "fine" are a number of other adjectives. Tired. Achy. Slow.

There are days when we all feel that way. For some, it is happening so frequently that it is normal. The new normal. Buried in that "normal" are risks. Risks of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and stroke. And that other risk, the risk of slips and falls.

Wouldn't it be great if there were a magic fix for all of this? Sure it would, but there isn't. There isn't a magic pill, and there isn't one activity that we can do to get us into shape. Being physically fit requires a holistic approach that includes five components of fitness.

Cardio
Strength
Flexibility
Nutrition
Rest

Each one is as important as the other. They all require equal attention for us to feel our best.

It is a balancing act, but it doesn't take as much time or energy as we may think. The best part is that the healthier we are the

more efficient we are. But we know this already, don't we? So why don't we change? The biggest reason is that bad habits are hard to break, and good habits are hard to maintain! It's so much easier to do what we are already doing. It was Albert Einstein who said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

So, here we are. At the fork in the road. You have read this far, now what? Chances are, you have all of the information that you need to make the change. You know about parking a little further from your destination and walking that extra distance. You know about eating your fruits and vegetables. How about getting seven to eight hours of sleep a night? You know about that one too, don't you? Still, it's hard.

"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end." ~ Robin Sharma

Start small. Over the next week, walk a few extra steps. Or add some vegetable you like to more of your meals. Go to bed 10 minutes earlier. Build from there. We are creatures of habit. Change doesn't come easy. But it will happen.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of Ottawa's The Point for Fitness. This is the first in a series of articles on fitness for the Minden Times.

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Sun shines down on annual truck pull and mud bog

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

There was no shortage of sunshine beating down on participants and those in attendance at the 29th annual Kinsmen Truck Pull, Show & Shine and Mud Bog hosted by the Kinsmen club of Minden.

Held at the Minden Fairgrounds this past Saturday, June 18, the event saw hundreds attend to watch the competition or partake in the many events.

An annual fundraiser for the club, proceeds from the day will go towards community projects and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, organizers told the paper.

The club thanked all their major class sponsors, those who made cash donations and giveaway donations, local businesses who assisted with equipment, volunteers, the Haliburton ATV Club and their volunteers and all those who came out to participate and spectate.

Results from the day are as follows:

Truck Pull

Class#1 2x4 Pickups

Sponsored by: En Route Towing & Recovery

- First Place – Josh Rowden – 2004 Ford F250
- Second Place – Rick Lichy – 2001 Dodge 2500
- Third Place – Steve Carnochan – 1979 Ford

Class#2 4x4 Gas Pickup Factory Long and Short Wheel Base

Sponsored by: Lindsay Dodge Chrysler

- First Place – Jack Harrison – 2016 Ford
- Second Place – Randy Griffin – 2014 Dodge Ram
- Third Place – Brandon Reid – Toyota P/U

Class#3 4x4 Gas Non-Factory Long and Short Wheel Base

Sponsored by: Patrick's Tire Services

- First Place – Kyle Garbutt – 2002 GMC
- Second Place – Kyle Tamblyn – 2006 GMC
- Third Place – Mike Watts – 2002 GMC

Class#4 4x4 Diesel Pickups

Sponsored by: Merril Barry Co. Ltd.

- First Place – Josh Fawcett – 2016 GMC
- Second Place – Ron Stevens – 2016 Dodge
- Third Place – Kevin Alcock – 2007 Dodge 2500

Class#5 4x4 Chipped Diesel Pickups

Sponsored by: Canadian Tire Store 682

- First Place – Josh Fawcett – 2016 GMC
- Second Place – Jason Reay – 2006 Dodge
- Third Place – Pat Kitcheman – 2004 Dodge

Class#6 4x4 Dual Wheeled Pickups and Dump Box

Sponsored by: Kawartha Dairy

- First Place – Tim Johnston
- Second Place – Phil Greer
- Third Place – Mike Wilbee

Class#7 4x4 Pro Street Circuit (Gas and Diesel)

Sponsored by: Harper Powersports and Marine Ltd.

- First Place – Ryan Kelly – 2004 GMC
- Second Place – Kyle Garbutt – 2002 GMC
- Third Place – Mike Watts – 2002 GMC

Class#9 Log Truck

Sponsored by: C&R Transmissions Service Ltd.

- First Place – Andrew Goltz – 2006 Kenworth
- Second Place – Cody Rogerson – 1995 Ford



Competitors get dirty during the ATV mud bog at the 29th annual Kinsmen Truck Pull, Show & Shine and Mud Bog held at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 18. Hundreds came out to participate or watch the events. This year's event was in memory of Marg Prentice. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Class#10 Highway Tractors

Sponsored by: Currie Truck Centre

- First Place – Peter Wagg – 2003 Western Star
- Second Place – Chris Batty – 2007 Peterbuilt

Truck Mud Bog

Class#1 Stock Pickup Trucks

Sponsored by: Muskoka Chrysler

- First Place – Robert Clark – 1990 Dodge
- Second Place – Carrie Burns – 2016 Jeep
- Third Place – Kevin Murdock – 2001 F150

Class#2 Modified Pickup Trucks (Including Tires)

Sponsored by: John Bryant Insurance Broker Inc.

- First Place – Lenny McKnight – 1989 – GMC Tracker
- Second Place – Izac Reid – 1991 Chevy
- Third Place – Tom Pearson – 1997 Chevy

Show & Shine

Class#1 Highway Tractors

Sponsored by: Mid-Ontario Truck Center

- First Place – Peter Wagg – 2006 western Star
- Second Place – John McNabb – 2014 Kenworth
- Third Place – Doug Hewer – 2007 International

Class#2 2015 - 2017 Working Trucks

Sponsored by: Wes Finch and Sons Excavating

- First Place – Terry Prentice – 2016 Freightliner
- Second Place – Chuck Hopkins – 2015 Kenworth
- Third Place – Doug Hewer – 2015 Western Star

Class#3 2014 and Older Working Trucks

Sponsored by: Sears (Minden Catalog Company)

- First Place – Tom Prentice Jr. - 2010 Freightliner
- Second Place – Phil Greer – 2014
- Third Place – Mike Fisher - 2006

Class#4 Peoples Choice

Sponsored by: Fielding Estate Winery

- First Place – Graham Neave – 2015 Chev 1500

Class#5 Best Fleet

Sponsored by: Minden Lions Club

- First Place – Fowler Construction

Class#6 Log Truck

Sponsored by: Highlands Accounting

- First Place – Cody Rogerson – 1995 Ford L9000
- Second Place – Andrew Goltz – 2006 Kenworth

Class#7 2015 - 2017 Pickups

Sponsored by: Ridgewood Ford Sales Ltd.

- First Place – Graham Neave – 2015 GMC Sierra Rally
- Second Place – Jake Killingbeck – 2015 Chev Silverado
- Third Place – Darnell Gilbert – 2016 Ford F150

Class#8 2010 – 2014 Pickups

Sponsored by: John E. Francis Fuels

- First Place – Dylan Reynolds – 2013 Dodge Ram
- Second Place – Karen London – 2013 Chev Silverado

Class#9 2009 – 2005 Pickups

Sponsored by: Zener Concrete Pumping Inc.

- First Place – Matt Hutchinson – 2008 Chev 2500
- Second Place – Jenn Bertin – 2006 GMC Canyon

Class#10 2004 – 1986 Pickups

Sponsored by: Bancroft Concrete Pumping

- First Place – Wes London – 1986 Chev K5 Blazer
- Second Place – Alex Wilbee – 1999 Chev Silverado
- Third Place – Matt Hutchinson – 2002 GMC Sierra

Class#11 Best Custom Pickups

Sponsored by: County of Haliburton

- First Place – Tom Pearson – 1997 Chev

Class#12 1985 & Older Trucks

Sponsored by: Carquest Minden

- First Place – Tony Prentice – 1937 Ford
- Second Place – Mike Fisher – 1981 Chev

Class #13 1985 & Older Cars

Sponsored by: Dentistry in the Highlands

- First Place – Greg Ludlow – Ford Thunderbird
- Second Place – Merv Cowan – 1956 Meteor
- Third Place – Devin Barry – Pontiac Firebird



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Friends Austin Boylan, left, and Wyatt Raposo get behind the wheel of an Arctic Cat at the annual Truck Pull this past weekend. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



The ATV Mud Bog included female competitors, who weren't afraid to get dirty. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



One and a half year old Austin Laver enjoys his first annual Kinsmen Truck Pull, Show & Shine and Mud Bog held at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 18. In addition to all the action, Laver also enjoys an ice cream cone. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Hundreds came out to support the 29th annual Kinsmen Truck Pull, Show & Shine and Truck Mud Bog held at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 18. The fundraiser helps the Minden Kin Club do community projects. Classic cars, trucks and more were on display for all to see. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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A community's embrace wrapped in blankets

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It's easy to see the impact the Knitting for Warmth group has had on people.

Thank you cards and hand-written notes from recipients of blankets are pasted to pages in a binder, documenting the history of the outreach effort.

Initially known as the Highland Hills Outreach Project, the Knitting for Warmth group has been responsible for knitting close to 70,000 squares, which have been sewn into 2,100 blankets since the group was formed 14 years ago.

The knitters meet weekly at the Minden United Church, but attendance is never taken. It's an informal group with several regulars, founder Mary Trepanier said.

Like the blankets they make with love, the ladies sitting around the table are strong, warm and colourful.

Trepanier first heard of the idea when her 10-year-old niece came with a square she knitted during a visit to the area. It was part of a learn-to-knit initiative at Kingston Public School. A group of students met during lunch hours to sew the squares together into a blanket.

Started on June 10, 2002, the group is comprised of people who want to help.

The effort and the informal nature of its work continues and remains a point of pride for Trepanier.

She loves how the organization creates "something from nothing."

"I see a bag of yarn that didn't cost any money and it comes in and it turns into a blanket," she said.

Trepanier said for every blanket made



Knitting for Warmth's Pat Thornett shares a laugh while sewing a blanket together a few weeks ago with friends at the Minden United Church. The group of contributors to the effort is nearing a milestone, having completed close to 70,000 squares and more than 2,100 blankets since it was started by Mary Trepanier 14 years ago. The blankets are donated to a wide variety of organizations, ensuring people in need are given a blanket for warmth, but also receive the care of the community./DARREN LUM Staff

there have been at least 10 people who were part of the process, which includes creating squares, sewing them together, donating the

material and delivering them.

Among the most prolific and consistent contributors is original member, Lillian

Mann, who regularly takes squares and material home to finish the blankets whenever

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Syrian refugee family to be next recipients of blankets

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needed.

Mann, who said she usually averages two squares a day, said this effort combines her love of knitting and her willingness to help others.

She owes her skill, she said, and her generosity to her mother. There is a reward and fulfillment from the work.

"I like to see people getting things because it helps them and it makes us happy to see that they're getting things like that," she said.

At 89, she is the oldest of the regular contributors, but you wouldn't know it due to her youthful appearance.

Mann has sewn all her life. This included a three year stint at a Stratford manufacturing factory where she sewed the fingers and attached them to gloves. During the Second World War, she sewed socks for her brother serving overseas, and for other soldiers in his company.

Now she does it for strangers.

The recipients of the blankets made by Knitting for Warmth most recently included the Syrian refugee family, who will be arriving soon.

Blankets have been distributed locally to the Minden Food Bank, Children's Aid, Ontario Early Years Centres, Point in Time, area fire departments, SIRCH, Kawartha and Haliburton Victims Crisis, Hyland Crest and the YWCA Women's Shelter.

Some have included places outside of the area such as Ronald McDonald House in Toronto, Lindsay's A Place Called Home and Child Haven.

Some have even travelled as far away as Australia after a little girl came to Toronto to receive surgery at Sick Kids Hospital and stayed at the Ronald McDonald House.

Besides a summer break during July and August, the group meets once a week from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Minden United Church on Newcastle Street. This year's last day before the summer is June 28, wrapping up with a potluck lunch. The meetings resume Sept. 13.

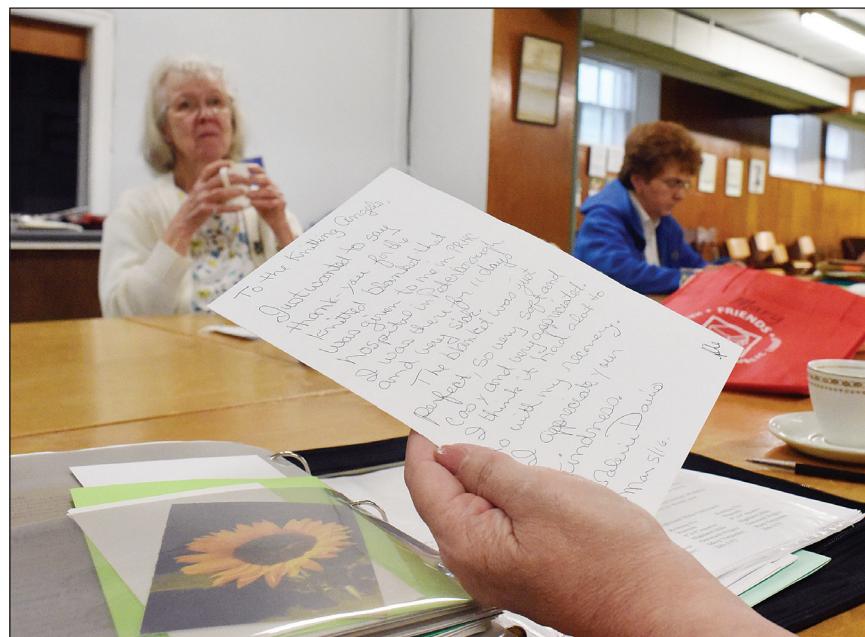
With so much material coming to the group instead of landfills, Trepanier appreciates the residual environmental benefit, not to mention the symbolic significance of using what would have been discarded to give recipients hope.

Trepanier said in this community there seems to be an endless supply of material due in large part to the seniors' population.

Even in the summer when the group suspends its official meetings, there are cottagers who donate material and squares and then again after they've collected more from friends and neighbours at the end of it.

"I don't think I can stop it if I tried," she said, half laughing. "You can quote me on that one."

For more information please contact Trepanier at 705-286-5173 or gullriver@gmail.com.



During a meeting at the Minden United Church, founder of Knitting for Warmth Mary Trepanier held one of many thank you notes and cards, acknowledging the more than 2,100 blankets given to people. Trepanier, who has kept every thank you note and card since the group started 14 years ago, said there has been close to 70,000 squares knitted to produce the blankets they have donated. The blankets are donated to a wide variety of organizations, ensuring people in need are given a blanket for warmth, but also receive a symbolic representation of a caring community./DARREN LUM Staff

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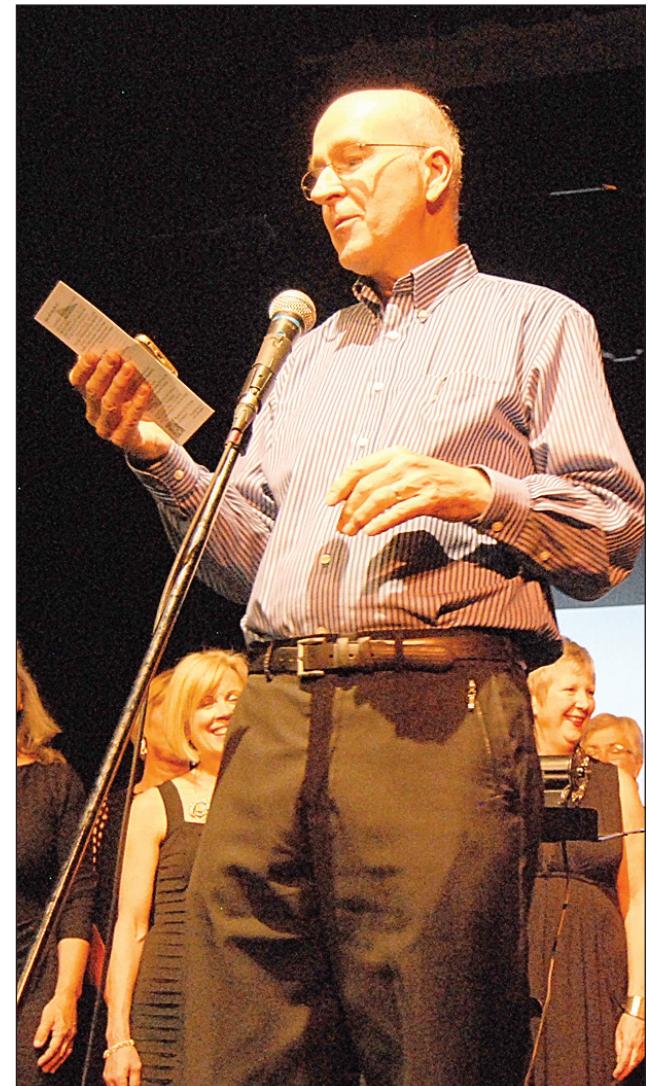
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Bringing harmony to Haliburton

Shout Sisters director Laurel McCauley addresses the audience on June 17. McCauley had a solo performance of Serena Ryder's *Stompa* during the annual concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Other songs the choir delivered included *Love Train*, *Hallelujah*, *In My Life* and *How Sweet It Is*. JENN WATT Staff



David Barker, spokesman for the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, tells the audience about how they can get involved in helping a Syrian refugee family come to Haliburton. He was invited to speak before the Shout Sisters concert because the choir had decided to donate proceeds from the concert to the refugee committee.



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Members of the Shout Sisters choir were beaming ahead of their annual concert on Friday evening. The group practises throughout the year on Thursday evenings and is an inclusive choir united by their love of music.



Laurel McCauley conducts the Shout Sisters through a special song, *Why Do We Build The Wall*, which was accompanied by images of conflict around the world.

LAKE PROTECTOR'S CORNER

Upcoming Events On Your Lake

Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association AGM

When: June 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Royal Canadian Legion

Lisa Schell, Councillor of Ward 1, and Jim Rogers, the By-law Officer for Haliburton County will speak at the meeting. Come early to enjoy refreshments and conversation.

Sailing Day Saturday, July 2nd

Location: Off Harris' Beach

Time: 1:00 PM (Rain Date is Sunday July 3rd)

Coordinator: Huw Morgan & Craig & Vickie Taylor; Contact Huw at 705 457-3781

Please check our website (<http://dragandsprucelakes.ca/>) in case there are changes to times, locations or events. We still require trainees & helpers for some events. Please call Barb (705 457-8864) if you can help. You will have training assistance, meet great people, and have lots of fun!

Submitted by Drag & Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association

Canada Day Fireworks, Saturday, July 2

Time: approx 9:30pm

Location: (Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road)

Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Fort Irwin Residents Association Summer-Fest,

When: Saturday July 2, 9 am to noon, baked goods, draw, books, crafts

Location: FIRA Hall, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road

Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Canada Day Weekend Fireworks

When: Saturday July 2nd at dusk

Again this year, our very own Maestros of the Pyrotechnics, the Bartley family, will be presenting the Annual Canada Day Fireworks Celebration sponsored by the SDLCA. Watch for the signs on your cottage road and remember to exercise caution out on the water at night.

Hope to see everyone there! In the event of rain, the fireworks will be held the following night, July 3rd.

Submitted by Salerno Lake Association

What's wrong with our lakes?

Over the last several years the CHA (Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations) has consulted with the top lake health experts. While the sky is not falling, what we found out has left our volunteers with a sense of urgency regarding protecting lake health in the Haliburton Highlands.

What are the experts telling us?

While lakes in the Highlands are still generally healthy there are current issues and more threats for the future.

- Lakes in the Highlands have seen blue-green algae blooms in each of the last three years (if your lake is hit with a bloom you cannot enter the lake or draw water from it).
- Populations of some of our favourite creatures are dropping – frogs, loons, fish, etc.
- Our lakes are warmer by over 1.5 degrees which is a large change and could lead to more problems.
- Over the decades tons of phosphorous from our septic systems has built up in the sediment on the bottom of our lakes.

- Phosphorus controls the volume of algae, including toxic blue-green algae.

- It increases weed growth, which reduces the level of oxygen needed for fish, etc.

All the experts agree that the time to act is now – once our lakes have problems such as a blue-green algae outbreak it is generally too late.

What can we do? There are two areas in which each of us can act to protect the health of our lakes – healthy septic systems and healthy shorelines.

What is the impact of healthy shorelines?

- Reduced pollutants and nutrients such as phosphorous entering the lake.
- Reduced erosion.
- Increased health of loons, fish, frogs etc. (90 per cent of the life in your lake depends on healthy shorelines).

What does a healthy shoreline look like? Lots of deep rooted native vegetation (shrubs, trees, etc.) from the lake back up the land for 15 to 30 metres.

What does an unhealthy shoreline look like? Grass or structures and a lack of natural vegetation.

Should you feel guilty if you have an unhealthy shoreline? No, as many of us did not know about its effects until recently.

Can you do something to help your lake? Yes.

Watch the 10 minute CHA video – *Ribbon of Life* – and *A Beginner's Guide to Shoreline Stewardship* - <http://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/90929405>.

Support your lake association's efforts around shoreline health.

Author Paul MacInnes, chairman of the CHA, is passionate about lake health.

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Article provided by CHA. For more information, resources and tips, go to www.cohipoa.org.



Music by the Gull returns

When it comes to Music by the Gull, the show must go on insist community organizations. Treasurer of Minden Lions Club Brian Moore, left, former publisher of Minden Times Jack Brezina, President of Rotary Club of Minden Betty Mark, and Highlands Wind Symphony co-conductor Glen Carter join ranks to celebrate the event's 25th year. Moore presents a cheque to Carter on behalf of the Minden Lions Club sponsoring \$2,000 worth of local acts, including Custom Blend and Trina West. The Rotary Club of Minden is sponsoring Music by the Gull's \$5 million dollar insurance policy. Gary Thurston continues to donate hydro, parking, storage space, and free advertisement on his wall. From June 24 until Labour Day, all plan to get out their lawn chairs for the weekly event and enjoy what Carter calls a "casual, fun and accessible" opportunity to meet the neighbours and dance by the river. ANGELA LONG Staff

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Friday July 1st, 2016

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DOWNTOWN

- 8:00: Kids Fishing Derby begins. *On Water Street*
- 11:00: Kids Fishing Derby final weigh in. *On Water Street*
- 11:00-12:00: Highland Concert Band. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
- 11:00-12:15: Crazy River Raft Race Registration Opens. *At Rotary Park off Hwy #35*
- 11:00-2:00: Open house at the Fire Hall. Prince St. Check out the trucks, meet the Firefighters.
- 11:30: Highland Dancer performance. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
- 11:45: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party Parade, National Anthem performed by HC Band, opening remarks, cutting of the cake. *At Main Stage on Water Street*
- 12:30: Crazy River Raft Race begins. Sponsored by the Gull Lake Cottagers Association. Starts at Rotary Park and ends downtown
- 1:30: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by the Minden Lioness. *At Town Dock on Water St.*

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

- 12:00-2:00: FREE! Wagon Rides (to and from the Cultural Centre) *At Minden Mercantile (on Bobcaygeon Rd)*

CULTURAL CENTRE

- 11:30-3:00: Wood fired pizza and Beer garden. *Outside on the grounds (\$)*
- 12:30-1:30: FREE Ice Cream! Sponsored by Kawartha Dairy. Until supplies last. *Outside on grounds*
- 1:00-2:00: BLUE BEAKER CLUB presents "Rockets!" A live interactive show for all ages! *Outside under the tent (NEW)*

FAIRGROUNDS

- 6:30pm: Haliburton County Fair Board Food Booth
- 9:30pm: Fireworks! Entry by donation. Sponsored by the Government of Canada and the Township of Minden Hills. Hosted by the Minden Hills Fire Department

All day attractions

DOWNTOWN

- Highland Time Travelers Classic Car Show
- Ball Hockey Tournament (\$)
- Trudalu's Jumpy Castles (\$)
- Face Painting (*by donation*)
- CANOE FM-live on location
- Minnow Races. Sponsored by Minden Legion
- FREE Popcorn. Sponsored by Minden Legion
- Paddle board demos/rentals. Hosted by Get up Stand up! *Town Dock on Water Street (\$)*
- Canoe/kayak demos. Hosted by AO/Boatwerks. *On Invergordon Ave*
- Taoist Tai Chi demonstrations

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- Heritage Village Tours
- Children's crafts
- Haliburton Quilt Show Guild
- Art gallery exhibition
- Seeds in Disguise
- Trail of the Monarch Butterfly

FOOD BOOTHS (\$)

- Rotary Club – Peameal Bacon on a bun/Hotdogs
- Lions Club – Burgers/Sausages
- Haliburton County Fair Board – Beef on a Bun

Please be aware of the following road closures on Friday July 1st for the Canada Day Celebration from 7am-4pm.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Water Street, from Bobcaygeon Road to St. Germaine (Beer store)
- Local traffic only from Water Street/ St. Germaine to walking bridge by Canadian Tire
- Prince Street, from St. Germaine (Fire Hall) to Milne Street
- Milne Street, from old EMS building to Prince Street

For more information please contact Elisha at 705-286-2298
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SIRCH Community Services goes into the red

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

SIRCH Community Services accrued a sizeable deficit during the past year and has gone into overdraft, but executive director Gena Robertson is optimistic the organization's financial straits will improve.

SIRCH's financial statements for 2015/2016 financial year were presented during its annual general meeting at SIRCH Central in Haliburton Village on June 15.

An audit from firm Collins Barrow shows a deficit of nearly \$80,000 for the year and, after dipping into reserves to offset those costs, a bank indebtedness of just more than \$27,000.

SIRCH's expenses for the year were about \$1.3 million, its revenues closer to \$1.2 million.

SIRCH lost about \$60,000 in government funding last year as the hospice services it once offered were moved under the purview of Haliburton Highlands Health Services through a provincial integration process.

It also spent about \$30,000 on renovations to its new headquarters in the village, in the former home of Touch of Class spa. The County Road 21 building that has served as SIRCH's headquarters for a number of years is for sale.

Robertson noted the economic situation is not unprecedented, SIRCH has gone in and out of the red during its 27-year history.

"Sometimes there's government funding and sometimes there isn't," she said. "We'll get back, I'm confident of that. The government funding is getting harder to come by, especially operating dollars."

As a result of the lack of funds, some SIRCH programming, such as its popular School's Cool program, which prepares children to enter the school system, will not happen this year.

"We will be strategizing about how to have it back in the community next year," Robertson said. "We just weren't able to afford it this year."

SIRCH offers numerous services, from pre- and post-natal



SIRCH Community Services executive director Gena Robertson speaks at the organization's annual general meeting at SIRCH Central in Haliburton Village on June 15.

programming to bereavement support to food programs.

The past year saw the second round of its Cook It Up program, which provides food services training to unemployed and underemployed individuals. Baked and Battered offers up its kitchen as training grounds and residents enjoy free lunches as students hone their skills.

This year nine people completed the program, with seven of them already employed. Four were hired at McKecks.

SIRCH's Thrift Warehouse, which sells donated used items, saw its sales increase 14 per cent over last year.

"The summer cottage season is undoubtedly our busiest time," said manager Cammy George.

The warehouse has been featured on television show

Colin and Justin's Cabin Fever and continues to enjoy that exposure.

"We certainly take advantage of that," George said.

The warehouse recently hosted a training programming that, over six weeks, taught six individuals numerous skills, including woodworking and repurposing furniture.

There will be a show and sale featuring some of the items at the warehouse from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 27.

SIRCH Central, which features a meeting area and cooking facilities, is available to rent by donation.

For more information about SIRCH and its programming, visit www.sirch.on.ca.

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Wednesday July 6

Printmaking Learn the basics of printmaking intaglio with foam impression roll ink press paper

Trading Game Learn the life of an early settler by taking on their role in an interactive trading game

Woodland Narrative Learn to identify tree and create a leaf journal by collecting, tracing and colouring

Wednesday July 13

Mixed Media Montage Learn the method to mixing media and multiple layering with painting techniques and transfers to create contemporary artwork

School House 1860 Learn about school life by taking part in actual school setting and activities using slates, doing spelling bees, etc.

All About Worms Learn about the life of a worm, see different kinds, why are they important and learn about worm boxes and how they work

Wednesday July 20

Junior Naturalist Camp This week we are partnered with the Haliburton Junior Naturalist camp that is held on the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Register on-line at www.abbeygardens.ca

Wednesday July 27

Felt Craft Learn to make a simple felt craft that includes gluing and some stitching

Early Settlers Olympics Join in the fun with friendly competition in our outdoor old time Olympics

Bees and Me What we need to know and do to save our bees. Children will plant a mini pollinator garden

Wednesday August 3

Drawing & Painting Learn fun techniques and important skills for drawing and painting creatively

Early Settlers Food All that is good about organic gardening and food preparation will be demonstrated and discussed. Our big 3 Sister Garden will be explained and children will create their Settler Menu.

Canadian Space Camp Chris Hatfield visits through the new interactive National Film Board program showing the wonders of space and technology

Wednesday August 10

Clay Creations Learn techniques with clay while sculpting a creative piece of art based on Henry Moore's style

Early Settlers Apparel Learn what children wore in 1860 and making your own boater hats, hankies etc. then join our picnic

Mineral and Geology Haliburton has many mineral! Learn why, where they are and how they got there through interactive games and activities.

Wednesday August 17

Oil Pastel Repel Learn how water and oil can create really interesting, colourful art with pastels and watercolour

Logger's Camp Spend time in the Logger Camp, making biscuits and beans then play the Logger Relay

Climate Questions Children have big questions about climate and many are doing projects to make change watch them excel. Take the Challenge!

Wednesday August 24

Bill Board Blast Big, bold and strong – what's your message? Learn typography and graphic design principles

Early Settler's Inventions Delve into the collection at the museum and consider the inventions of the past. Writing, cameras, windmill, butter churner etc. are examined. Children then will make their own invention!

I Am A Seed In connection to the Royal Ontario Museum touring exhibition "Seeds in Disguise" learn the cultural importance of seeds, the importance of protecting them while creating a seed picture

(Subject to change—call to confirm)



Rev. Max Ward and his son Thomas, 3, finish up the Walk for Water on the boardwalk in Minden on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. The walk raised about \$9,000 for Help A Village Effort, a local charity that assists NGOs in India with providing water and sanitation to rural villages. JENN WATT Staff



Walking for water

There were plenty of people out on Wednesday evening for the Walk for Water benefitting Help A Village Effort.

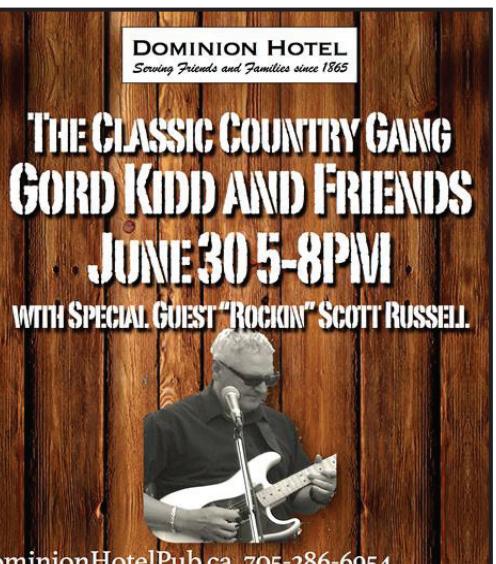


HAVE board members Debbie Wales and Paul Heffer share a laugh walking along Riverwalk.



Dianne Hagerman has been a steadfast supporter of Help A Village Effort for decades.

Thomas, 3, holds a HAVE balloon in the parking lot before heading out in the Walk for Water fundraiser co-ordinated by the United Church outreach committee. The walk went around Riverwalk and raised about \$9,000. JENN WATT Staff



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Third annual food and beverage showcase delights all senses

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

There was no reason to go home hungry this past weekend as the annual Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase provided a treat for your taste palate and raised money for two local organizations, Help A Village Effort (HAVE) and Food for Kids.

Hundreds gathered at Wintergreen Pancake Barn in Gelert for food and drink samples provided by local restaurants and vendors, live music, a silent auction and more.

A town crier kept the festivities rolling all day long, while guests tried Kawartha Dairy ice cream, pizza by Into the Blue Bakery or a pulled pork slider made by Wintergreen.

Organizers were pleased with the turnout and event all around.

"Our county's food and beverage is second to none," said Diane Dawson. "To the amazing members of our county community, thanks for caring and sharing."



Kate and Ryan Dawson, right and second from right, offer up tasty treats of meatballs, fish and more to guests at the annual Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase held at Wintergreen Pancake Barn this past Saturday, June 18. The fundraiser was raising money for Help a Village Effort (HAVE) and Food for Kids. The day long event included live music, a silent auction, vendors, food and drink samples and much more. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Musicians Chad Ingram, right, and Tim Tofflemire entertain the crowd at Wintergreen on June 18. The duo played tunes like *Paper Moon* and *Summer Wind*. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Above, Alisha Bishop, left, offers a taste of Boshkung Brewing beer to Jim Rivers at the annual Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase held at Wintergreen Pancake Barn this past Saturday, June 18. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Left, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin and local MPP Laurie Scott get in the spirit at the Food and Beverage Showcase at Wintergreen Pancake Barn on Saturday, June 18. The event was a fundraiser for Help A Village Effort and Food for Kids. JENN WATT Staff

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This year's Athletes of the Year winners are Caleb Schmidt, left, and Kendnal Marsden. They exemplified qualities of great athletes, and great people, their coaches told the audience at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 38th annual Athletic Banquet on June 14 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. / DARREN LUM Staff

Schmidt and Marsden named Athletes of the Year

The Cumulative Award winners

Minor Athletic Winners

Jacob Bishop, Jalen Campbell, Sam Longo, Paydon Miscio, Shane O'Reilly, Ben Schmidt, Zak Shantz, Matt Wilbee, Madison Allore, Sydney Feir, Sonya Flatman, Abby Gordon, Rebecca Hamilton, Tori Hawley, Hannah Klose, Emma Scheffee and Allison Paul.

Major Athletic Winners

Noah Dollo, Ryan Hill, Mac Rider, Hunter Smith, Christine Bishop, Jamie Little, Shae MacNaull, Kendnal Marsden and Brynn Meyers. The Kit Pizzi Award for intramural participation – presented to honour outstanding participation and leadership to the school intramural program.

Hunter Smith

Girls' curling team: most improved, Emily Parish; MVP, Alyssa Denyer

Wrestling: male MVP A.J. Gillam; female MVP Sonya Flatman; rookie Aiden Coles

special thanks for fifth year Zonna Zondervan

Snowboarding: MVP Dakota McDonald

Junior girls' volleyball: MVP Natalya Gimon; MVP Arden Harrop

Senior girls' volleyball: MVP Emily Glecoff

Junior boys' basketball: MVP Sam Longo

Senior boys' basketball: MVP Nick Thompson; top defensive player

Caleb Schmidt

Boys' hockey: offensive MVP Noah Dollo; defensive MVP Owen Flood

Junior girls' soccer: MVP Emily Klose

Senior girls' soccer: offensive MVP McKenzie Henderson; defensive MVP Vivian Collings

Track and Field: MVPs Shae MacNaull, Ryan Hill and Kendnal Marsden

Junior badminton: MVPs Emily Klose and Zak Shantz

Senior badminton: female MVP Jamie Little and Kendnal Marsden, male MVP Caleb Schmidt; honour roll Jaydon Wood and Ben Schmidt.

Golf: most improved Sam Longo

Girls' rugby: MVP Morgan Sherlock; MVP Rachel Churko; most improved Cassidy Glecoff; honourable mention Carmen Galea, Freya Moran and Betty Paton.

Varsity boys' soccer: MVP Caleb Schmidt

Junior boys' football: offensive MVP Connor Spence, defensive MVP Zak Shantz; lineman MVP Trevor Turner; MVP Austin Billings; notable credit to Chaz Whitehead for volunteering for quarterback.

Senior football: lineman MVP Sage Christiano; defensive MVP Ryan Hill; MVP Hunter Smith; MVP Jaydon Wood.

Varsity B field hockey: offensive MVP Claire Karaguesian; defensive MVP Sonya Flatman.

Varsity A field hockey: MVP Maddie Allore; MVP Sydney Cameron

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

On a night of goodbyes for graduating student athletes and retiring coaches a poignant hello took centre stage.

Nordic ski team and girls' rugby coach Jennifer Paton put this year's Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Banquet into perspective.

"First of all, I'm very glad to be here," she said, receiving raucous applause.

The significance of her statement wasn't lost on the audience. Paton has not worked at the school since she was involved in a violent collision while driving her Nordic team this past winter. It left her in the hospital in critical condition.

Paton recovered and has recently returned home after several weeks of challenging rehabilitation. She continues her work. She did not talk about the collision, but noted how jubilant the team was following the pre-race practice session at the all-provincials.

"It was snowing hard. Our faces were encrusted with snow. It was very slow because of all the snow. We took a lot of selfies. It was really special," she said, smiling.

Brynn Meyers and Christine Bishop, who were travelling with her at the time, hugged Paton on the stage.

After a combined 60 years, coaches and teachers Bruce Griffith and Tim Davies are saying goodbye to the school and the Red Hawks.

Both will retire after this year and were recipients of the Impact Award, which was presented by students Kendnal Marsden, this year's Athlete of the Year, and Ryan Hill.

Hill acknowledged the influence Griffith has had in his 31 years.

"You need to know your efforts weren't lost on us. You made our high school life better. You helped make memories that will last the rest of our lives. You made a difference. So, on behalf of everyone here, I thank you. I present to you this award. Retirement will treat you well and may you catch many fish," he said.

Griffith spent more than three decades guiding young people as a teacher, coach and friend with his knowledge on the ice, the field and the track. He's already set to fish more and has a trip planned for Alaska with his wife Eva, who is also retiring from teaching at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School.

Principal Dan Marsden presented them with special school hockey jerseys with their names and the start and finish years on the back.

Marsden spoke glowingly about their dedication to producing great athletes and people.

"Applause for these two gentlemen for all the efforts they've done for you and the school and the athletic program as part of Hal High," he said.

The two retiring teachers sat in chairs on the stage as they were honoured with a 60 second applause, representing every year the two have served. Nearing the end, the students in the audience gave a standing ovation, mixed with shouts of support.

"Hopefully it gives you some idea the amount of time and the involvement these guys have put in throughout their years. It's been a complete pleasure for me to be involved with these guys," HHSS athletic director Ron Yake said. "On behalf of all the athletes throughout the years it is a huge thanks to these guys for their inspiration and involvement with them. Thank you both, coach Davies and coach Griff."

Earlier during the presentation of the junior football team's MVPs, Derek Little praised his friend and co-coach, Tim Davies.

"The gentleman to my left has been a mentor," he said, pausing for a breath, holding back tears. "A good friend and he's taught me a lot about being a good person. He's taught a lot of people in this building about being a good person. His integrity bar none is one of his strongest attributes. It's not just football. He commits his time, whether it be track and field, showing up 7 a.m. to open the weight room for students to improve in all sports. So, I think we should show some appreciation for a gentleman, again, who is a pretty special person. We're going to miss him at Hal High."

Davies spent 29 years at the school and said after the event he will be taking it easy, helping his son with his hockey aspirations in Belleville.

This year's male athlete of the year is Caleb Schmidt, who was presented this award by his senior basketball coach Dave Waito.

Waito said humility is one of Schmidt's greatest strengths and he possesses a quiet confidence that makes him a "dream to coach." He was clutch for his basketball team, as a composed scorer down the stretch. One example was when Schmidt scored on a running leaner to beat Fenelon Falls Secondary School with a buzzer beater. It was the first win in more than five years over Fenelon. Two weeks later, he helped his team beat I.E. Weldon to clinch the Kawartha League title with 12 points and four straight free throws. There's no doubt, he said, Schmidt was the best defensive

Credit shared among students' support system

from page 18

player in the league, earning him a team MVP for defence. There is a tireless focus on improvement, referring to the mantra: be the best you can be today and find a way to be a little bit better tomorrow.

When Waito asked other coaches in soccer and badminton about what they thought of the fourth year student, character traits such as selfless, committed and inspirational for his tireless efforts in games and in practices came up.

Schmidt, who also won a COSSA silver medal on his way to a C flight silver medal at OFSAA for badminton, was humble, taking a few seconds to pause at the podium before thanking his coach for the "amazing speech." He credited all of his coaches for their efforts in making him a better person and athlete. He even thanked "the guys at the back" for attending, which was met with distant whoops and applause.

"But most importantly, I'd like to thank my family. My mom for supporting me. My dad especially for the time and effort into playing with me in badminton and helping me become a better player and person, all around. It's because of you I'm up here right now," he said, holding back tears. "Wow. I'd also like to thank my three brothers who pushed me to become better, a better player and for training me to become a better person. Thank you."

Coach Jessica Lloyd and the coaches who worked with this year's athlete of the year characterized Kenndal Marsden as a passionate, committed competitor and team player with exemplary leadership qualities for her respect of teammates, opponents and officials.

When it came to asking the coaches in track and field, ice hockey and volleyball it wasn't difficult for Lloyd.

"Every single one of them had something wonderful to share about her. I was only blessed to coach her for one season, but she did leave an impression on me and I can't wait to have her back on the field with me again next year if she'll have me," she said.

Lloyd coached Marsden in varsity A field hockey and saw first-hand the competitive drive and determination during the season, capped off with an appearance at OFSAA.

Marsden's voice quivered as she accepted the award, thanking her coaches and her dad, Dan Marsden.

"A shout out for my dad for being my No. 1 supporter through it all. I can't thank you enough," she said.

After the event, Marsden was still shocked by the win. She made sure to thank her teammates, whom she credited for allowing her to have fun and be herself on the field.

"They are the major key that helped me through. Definitely my coaches, again, and my parents and my sister, who have been a really big impact on me. They have always kept me going and been the one to say, 'you're good, you get back out there, you're fine,'" she said, referring to challenging moments.

She's excited about next year and is looking forward to being a role model so she can help other athletes to be their best. Marsden had always wanted to be an Athlete of the Year

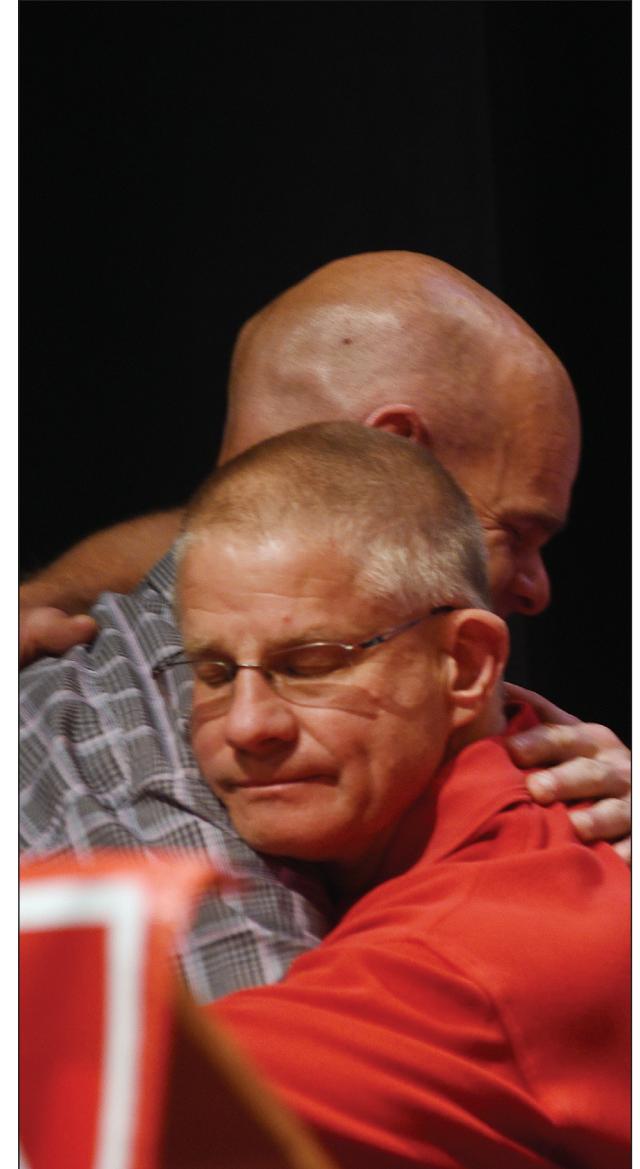


Jennifer Paton, who survived a car crash earlier this year, received applause from the audience at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 38th Annual Athletic Banquet after saying, "First of all I'm very glad to be here." /DARREN LUM Staff

and welcomes joining the many other recipients of the award, whose photographs hang on the wall above lockers in the athletics facility.

"It was a goal for me to become Athlete of the Year, but I had been expecting it to be in my Grade 12 year. Just hearing my name was amazing and I'm so thrilled and I can't wait to represent Hal High and be up on the wall for everyone to see. I'm looking forward to that," she said.

Below, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Jaydon Wood, left, and Caleb Schmidt hold their Awards of Excellence after the end of the 38th annual Athletic Banquet on Tuesday, June 14 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. This award recognizes athletes who made outstanding contributions to the school athletic program./DARREN LUM Staff



Football coach and teacher Derek Little, left, hugs his friend and co-coach of Tim Davies, who will be leaving the school for retirement at the end of the year. Davies and Little co-coached the junior and senior teams in the football program./DARREN LUM Staff

Wildcats roar at county track meet

On Tuesday, June 14, the Grade 1 to 3 Archie Stouffer Elementary School students travelled to Rolling Hills Public School in Bethany for the County Primary Track and Field Meet. All of our athletes did a tremendous job of representing Archie Stouffer respectfully and gave it their all!

Some noteworthy results:

Cole Hamilton was declared the Novice Male Athlete of the Day after finishing first in the 50 metre dash, the 100 metre dash and 250 metre race. Hamilton and Jayde Rowden also won the 2 x 250 metre relay.

Maddy Walker placed fourth in standing broad jump. In the long jump Emily Brown placed first, Lilly Casey placed third and Parker Simms placed fourth. Then Simms placed third in the ball throw while Kadin Card placed fourth and Jaden Vanderwindt placed sixth.

ASES teachers that helped coach the team include Cheryl Patterson, Teressa Bird, Michele Coneybeare, Elisa Mulcaster, Lauren Alleway, Sue Smallwood, and Karen Lytle.

This season we had approximately 80 kids who came out to practices to learn about the various events and have fun. About 50 of them were able to participate in the Haliburton track and field meet a few weeks ago. We could only invite a small group to the county event due to restrictions on the number of students we can register for each event.

Submitted by Cheryl Patterson



The primary Archie Stouffer Elementary School track team Mak Prentice, left, sitting in front, Cole Hamilton and Jace Mills, left, sitting on the rocks, Maddie Walker, Dinah Ogley, Jazmin Smith, Ali Mantle, Lilly Casey, Mclean Rowden, left, standing, Hailey Smith, Erik Bird, Aaron Neave, Jaden Vanderwindt, Kadin Card, Parker Simms, Jacob Mantle, Jocelyn Thompson, Jayde Rowden and Emily Brown. They competed at the annual County Primary Track and Field Meet on Tuesday, June 14 at the Rolling Hills Public School in Bethany. DARREN LUM Staff

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, July 11th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-011/16
Applicant: Wendy Connolly
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 12, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Right-of-Way
2. File No. H-013/16
Applicant: Dale Evans
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 19 & 20, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of June, 2016.

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Cole Hamilton holds the trophy he won as the overall novice boys' champion at the County Primary Track and Field Meet on Tuesday, June 14 at Rolling Hills Public School in Bethany. Hamilton won all of his events, winning the 50 metre dash, the 100 metre dash and the 250 metre race, including the two x 250 metre relay with Jayde Rowden. This was Hamilton's second overall title at this event in as many years./DARREN LUM Staff



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Dorset Day Camp begins July 4

DORSET NEWS

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It was so popular this week that The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is going to host a second food handler course at the Dorset Recreation Centre, the week of June 27. If you are interested, please call right away to register. Tentative date is Tuesday, June 28 starting at 9 a.m. but this is still to be confirmed. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. The cost is \$40 per person. The courses is one full day. All are welcome to participate and registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Cammie MacDuff at 705-457-1391.

Our friends up at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre have invited us to share in their Canada Day Celebration on Friday, July 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be kids versus adult games, displays, a BBQ by Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Station 70, Canada Day cupcakes, face painting, an exciting unveiling, music and more. The centre is located at 3987 Hwy 60, 8km east of Dwight on the left as you travel towards Algonquin Park.

There will be a huge Dorset Community Garage Sale on Saturday, July 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There is still room for vendors at only \$5 per

table. Don't miss it! Rain or Shine!

Also on July 2 is Knox United's 50th annual Canada Day Pie & Book Sale starting at 9 a.m. at the Dorset fire hall. Donations are being accepted Friday evening or Saturday morning. Fresh baked or frozen pies and butter tarts will be available until sold out.

The Dorset Heritage Museum is hosting its annual Heritage Day and Unique Marketplace event on Saturday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum on 1040 Main Street, Dorset. Activities and face painting there is something for everyone young and old! Heritage Day takes place rain or shine! Visit www.dorsetheritagemuseum.ca or find them on Facebook to find out more.

Dorset Day Camp starts on July 4th! It's the 26th summer of fantastic fun at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Day camp is for boys and girls ages five to 13 and includes activities like arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games, sports, swimming, theme weeks, stories, hiking, nature activities, cooking, pioneer activities and more using the Dorset Recreation Centre's great facilities and the hamlet's lovely park areas. There are also visits planned to the Heritage Museum, Fire Hall Station 60 and the Dorset Tower.

Camp is organized and run by trained and experienced counsellors / lifeguards and runs Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed August 1) starting on July 4 right through to August 26. Campers are asked to bring an allergy free boomerang lunch and two snacks. It's a drop in camp and kids can come for a day, half day or a week. Payment is due in advance, there are price breaks for multiple days and there is a sibling discount.

Space is limited and it's on a first come first serve basis.

Please contact the recreation centre at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more or to reserve a spot.

Birthday wishes for June 19 to 25 go out

to Derrick Kent, Caleb MacKay, Devon McKey, Matthew Cyopick, Pam Bessey and Bernie Guidi. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Send off for Sue

Past and present members of the Hyland Crest family council gathered at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services facility in Minden on June 17 to say thank you and farewell to Sue Sisson, front right, who is leaving the council after a decade of service. Sisson served as chairwoman of the council for Minden's long-term care home for several years, chairing her final meeting last week.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse the enlarged screen porch proved a welcome haven against the heat for all the inhabitants both two and four legged. The only casualties due to the wind were the green plants moved outdoors for the summer which were literally blown off their table top perches. We enjoyed a Father's Day dinner with son David and his family once again marvelling at the creativity of granddaughter Emma. Her gift for her Dad was an album of photos drawn from the Toronto Archives of their present home on Avenue Road in Toronto. From early farmland through to present day the photos chronicled the history of the old house and surrounding area. Once again it was such an innovative, thoughtful expression of her time, talent and technological savvy. On July 12th Emma begins her six month Producer Laboratory program at the Canadian Film Centre one of only six candidates selected for this fulltime learning experience. We are excited for her. Tomorrow on June 22 grandson Austin turns 20 years old. I still remember being in the delivery room when he loudly announced his arrival and now have to look up at his handsome six feet four inch frame. In September Austin will head back to his journalism studies at Centennial College with a particular interest in sports reporting and youngest grandson Ben will be in Grade 7 at Goodwood Public School still with a passion for hockey.

Just a reminder for all you liver and onions fans. This month's luncheon at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount comes up on

UPCOMING

Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association AGM

When: June 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Royal Canadian Legion

Lisa Schell, Councillor of Ward 1, and Jim Rogers, the By-law Officer for Haliburton County will speak at the meeting.

Come early to enjoy refreshments and conversation.

Strawberry Salad Supper

When: Sat. June 25th 5-7 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
Serving homemade salads, baked sliced ham, rolls, sliced strawberries w/white cake & whipped topping, tea & coffee & juice

\$12 for Adults, Children 12 - 4 yrs. \$5.00, Children under 4 Free.

Minden Hills Canada Day Celebration

When: Friday July 1

Where: Downtown, Water Street and the Cultural Centre
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Canada Day Celebrations in Wilberforce

When: Friday July 1 Begins 11:15 AM

Where: Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum grounds
Includes flag raising & live music plus cake, ice cream & social time by Dark Lake.

Outpost Museum 705 448 3000 or Hilda at 705 448 2018

Canada Day River Raft Race

When: Friday July 1st

Where: Start at Rotary Park, off Hwy#35, and finish downtown Minden

It's that time of year again to grab some friends and start creating your home-made raft for the annual Crazy River Raft Race. Join the fun as the tranquil Gull River turns into a friendly froth, from Minden's Rotary Park to the downtown bridge.

Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Tuesday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a cost of \$8 diners enjoy a hot entree [an alternative to "L&O" is always available] plus dessert and beverage.

Speaking of favourite menus there will be a "Strawberry Supper" at the fully accessible Galway Hall on Saturday, July 2nd from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$15 with children 6 to 12 years \$7 and 5 years and under free.

Canada Day celebrations will be underway at the Kinmount Fairgrounds on Friday, July 1 beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will be live music, wagon rides, a BBQ, Checkers the Clown, kids games and fireworks at dusk. The Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party Parade will arrive at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge to this event but a silver collection will be taken. Once more a note of appreciation goes out to the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development and its volunteers for organizing this special occasion along with so many other happenings and projects. Again this summer the floral baskets and plantings around Town are beautiful.

This year the annual Kinmount "Heritage in the Village" kicks off with Music in the Park plus barbecue on Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Picnic Shelter area of Austin sawmill Heritage Park featuring Gord Miller and Passport. This series continues every Thursday evening through July and August. On Friday, July 8 for those who dare the Free Ghost Tour heads out from

the Railway Station at 8:30 p.m. then on Saturday, July 9th the Kinmount Highland Games welcomes everyone to the Fairgrounds from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 with children/youths 12 years and under free. Ample parking is available for a \$5 charge. There will be dance competitions, pipe bands, heavy games, artisans, vendors and a children's area. For full program details please visit the website kinmounthighlandgames.com and to enquire about vendor space call 705-488-9954.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace is now open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Outside it has had a facelift now yellow, white and aqua and with a delightful blue jeans planter created by the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild member Darlene Mann standing beside the bicycle built for two. Inside follow the cobblestone path also a "Darlene" creation through the new displays in the Workroom area. The Summer Draw is underway with a free ticket with any purchase. Some Guild members including Pam, Jennie, Kyla and Denis will be at the Highland Games in the Pioneer Building so please drop by and say hello.

The Haliburton OPP and the Red Wolves Special Olympics Torch Run will come through Kinmount around noon on Saturday, June 25th. Come out to cheer and note that at least three of our own area athletes Brent Leffering, Carrie Crego and Trevor Brauer will be participating

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

ning's lows went to Betty Wagar and Al Arbuthnot with Pearl Cowen winning the draw and Al Arbuthnot, Karen Chapman and Jesse Barlow taking home the other prizes.

June 16 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Tied for top spot for the ladies at 243 were Vi Howell and our reporter Bev Johnson followed by Jean Scadden 238, Pat Roussel 215 and Sharron Atkinson 212. First for the gents at 321 was Archie Ross then Doug McIntosh 299, Tom Grix 282 and Clare Obdam 276. Pearl Cowen held the hidden score, Doug McIntosh won the card draw and Archie Ross the call 1 while Muriel McIntosh, Donna Darby, Tom Griz, Doug McIntosh and Albert Foster claimed the moonshots.

June 17 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First in North/South was the duo of Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies at 65 percent then Jack and Willie Cox also at 65 percent with Carol McCord and Gwen Salmon third at 56 percent. East/West leaders were Dee McLean and Mike Dimond 64 percent, Dave Robinson and Dave Willis 57 percent and Joan Davies partnered with Sue Pethick 55 percent.

June 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were our interim reporter Pearl Cowen [7] and Yvonne Arbuthnot with Lyn Preston and Kay Godden posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lil Mann who also won the special prize.

June 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: At 295 Ron Morrison topped the scoring followed by Jesse Barlow 269 and our reporter Rose Isaacson 259. Rose also won the draw and took a moonshot along with Ron Morrison.

June 20 euchre at Staunton Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Warren Hueson won for high hands, Joan Riel for lone hands and Maria Tschida for both low hands and the special prize.

June 15 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first place at 406 was Tom Grix then Leona Lane 390 with a tie for third spot at 383 between Sue Maxwell and Marcy Morgan. Our reporter Rose Isaacson held the hidden score with Marcy and Leona posting the high games of 88 points.

June 16 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Bev Johnson and Karen Chapman held the most lone hands with Irene McDowell and Warren Hueson posting the high scores. The eve-

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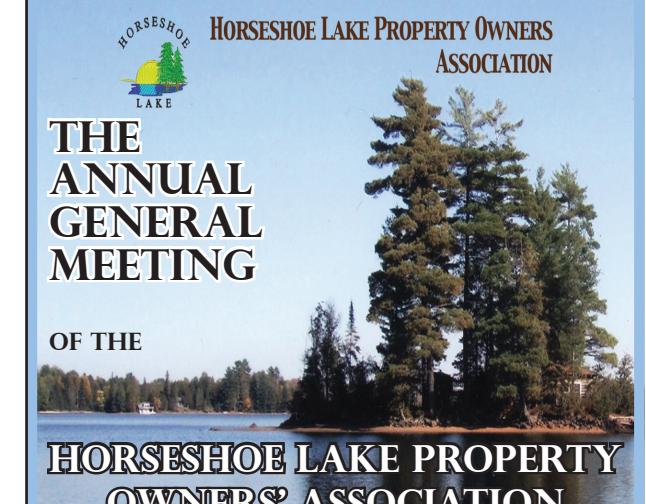
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. A Service to Celebrate Grant's Life will be held in the Chapel on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland.

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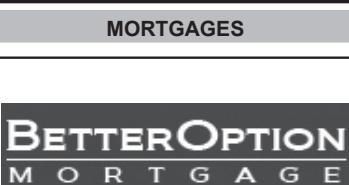
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